



**Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission
Children's Justice Committee
Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family
1700 West Washington Street, Suite 230, PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85007**

A general meeting of the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission (AJJC) Children's Justice Committee was convened on August 20, 2019, at the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family, 1700 West Washington Street, Suite 230, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007, notice having been duly given.

Members Present (7)	
Christina Schopen , Co-Chair	Leslie Quinn
Jeff Hood	Donald Walker
Shefali Gandhi	Michelle Bedinghaus
Cindi Nannetti	
Staff/Guests Present (6)	Members Absent (6)
Steve Selover , GOYFF	James Molina , Co-Chair
Rebecca Chesley , GOYFF	Nicole Schuren
Myriah Mhoon , New Life Center	Jane Kallal
Shannon Hendrickson , ADJC	Shawn Cox
Kate Howard , ADJC	Rachel Mitchell
Lauren Blumenfeld , DCS	Marcela Morales

Call to Order

- **Ms. Christina Schopen**, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m. with seven members and six staff and guests present.

Introductions

- **Ms. Schopen**, Co-Chair, asked members and staff to introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes

- **Ms. Schopen**, Co-Chair, requested a motion to approve the April 3, 2019, meeting minutes.
 - **Dr. Leslie Quinn** motioned to approve the minutes as drafted.
 - **Dr. Shefali Gandhi** seconded the motion.
- The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

2019 RFGA Review

- **Ms. Rebecca Chesley** advised that the Children's Justice Act Grant Request for Grant Applications (RFGA) is scheduled for release in September. Ms. Chesley asked members to provide any feedback on funding priorities that are compliant with the federal guidelines.
- **Dr. Quinn** asked why the grant does not fund prevention programming. **Mr. Steve Selover** stated this specific section of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) was created to address system improvement for the handling of child abuse investigations, while other sections of the law do support prevention and other direct services.

- **Ms. Cindi Nannetti** asked whether it was known which programs will apply for funding. **Ms. Chesley** stated she did not know, and **Mr. Selover** added that, based on history, it is likely several current grantees will apply. **Mr. Selover** also stated the coordinator training presented last October highlighted the funding opportunity for coordinators, which may lead to some applications submitted by organizations that are not currently funded by the grant.
- Per **Ms. Chesley's** request, **Ms. Schopen** distinguished the difference between the interagency council (IAC) and multi-disciplinary meetings (MDTs), since, as **Ms. Chesley** explained, there seems to be some confusion of these terms by the currently funded grantees.
- **Ms. Nannetti** stated that one major problem is the issue of outdated child abuse investigation protocols. She asserted there are many outdated protocols throughout the state, especially in rural counties. **Ms. Nannetti** added that because true IACs are not occurring, it's been challenging to bring stakeholders together to discuss revisions.
- **Dr. Gandhi** recalled the county attorney's office led the push to revise the Maricopa County's protocols in 2016; however, it was acknowledged that some counties have not updated their protocols in many years.
- After additional discussion by the committee members, the recommendation to staff was to set aside a portion of funding available to support a technical assistance provider to help facilitate protocol revisions for appropriate counties. **Ms. Nannetti** and **Ms. Schopen** recalled a stand-alone contract with the Arizona Child and Family Advocacy Center Network (ACFAN) for a statewide coordinator that was successful in establishing best practice activities in rural counties, with remaining available funding to continue supporting children's justice coordination efforts and training. It was also suggested that the Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council would be well-qualified to provide this service.
- **Ms. Chesley** stated she appreciated the feedback and will propose the recommendations to leadership for approval.

Trauma-Informed One Pager

- **Ms. Schopen**, Co-Chair, provided a recap from the previous meeting on creating a one-page document for parents and other community members who may need more information on trauma-informed care.
- **Ms. Schopen** stated that if approved, the document could be disseminated to public places where people get services, i.e., WIC, DES, substance abuse coalitions, courts, etc.
- Several committee members inquired about adding general resources or links to guide the reader on how to find additional information. **Dr. Quinn** suggested adding the Governor's Office treatment locator link. The committee agreed to postpone deciding which, if any, resources to add until the document is further flushed out.
- Prior to the next meeting, **Dr. Gandhi** will meet with Dr. Shannon Hendrickson from ADJC to complete various sections that require their technical expertise.
- The committee will meet via conference call to review the completed sections prior to the next Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission meeting committee report-out. **Ms. Schopen** offered to provide an update on this document during the commission meeting.

Next Meeting Date

- Committee members agreed to hold the next meeting on September 3. Members will be permitted to attend via conference call if necessary.

Call to the Public

- **Ms. Schopen**, Co-Chair, made a call to the public. There was no response to the call.

Adjournment

- **Ms. Schopen**, Co-Chair, requested a motion to adjourn.
 - **Ms. Nannetti** moved to adjourn the meeting.
 - **Mr. Jeff Hood** seconded the motion.
- The motion passed with no dissenting votes. The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Dated 8/21/19
Children's Justice Committee
Submitted By: Steve Selover, GOYFF Program Administrator